

New Mexico has been for many years famous for the production of wool, and especially Quay county. Some twenty or thirty years ago the best lambing grounds to be found northeast of New Mexico were along Ute Creek and Red river, the territory now embraced within the Bell ranch contains some of the finest sheep country in our Territory, while the orriginal New Mexican sheep sheared but little wool, and that of a very coarse character. The ewes were very prolific and the per cent of lambs raised was very large. Since improved lambs have been imported the per centage of lambs have been cut down. The sheep business has been the most profitable

in New Mexico. However, the prices paid for wool have not kept up with the increase in wages paid to herders, while ten years ago herders were paid at the rate of twelve dollars a month, they command today a salary of twenty to twenty-five dollars.

The following is an estimate of expense in running two thousand sheep for one year :

Board and wages, 2 men ..	\$700.00
Salt	25.00
Dipping	125.00
Extra expense, lambing ..	350.00
Shearing	75.00
Taxes	70.00
Loss of sheep	400.00
Total	\$1745.00

The following are the principal sheep raisers in Quay county :

Henry Goke, Florencio Martinez, Epifano Martinez, Patricio Sanchez, C. Romero & Son, Sylvano Baca, Robert A. Morris, J. H. Wood, J. E. Brit, J. M. Savage, N. A. McCracken, W. H. Hittson, Max Tafoya, J. Tafoya, M. B. Goldenberg Co., Juan Quineterio, J. Surguy, Apolinario Vijil, Virginia Live Stock Co., The Pajarita Live Stock Co.

Number of sheep owned in Quay county, about.....265,000 head
Value per head, average.....\$3.00
Average weight of fleece.....6½ pounds
Average increase for 1907......65 per cent

Tucumcari has to day the best equipped, up-to-date scouring mill in New Mexico. Over 2,000,000 pounds of wool are scoured here during the season, and it is claimed that on account of the excellent quality of the water the wool from this plant commands better prices than any washed in the Territory. Mr. Tom Chittenden is the general manager of the concern. Liberal advances are given on all wools handled by them if desired.

Adjoining the town of Tucumcari on the north lies that princely domain, the Bell Ranch, owned by the Red River Valley Co.

The area composed in this immense

holding is about 785,000 acres. Some of the most beautiful and fertile valleys are situated in this grant.

Under the able management of C. M. O'Donald, an immense herd of the finest Hereford and Shorthorn cattle have been raised here; and



Sheep on the M. B. Goldenberg Ranch Near Tucumcari.



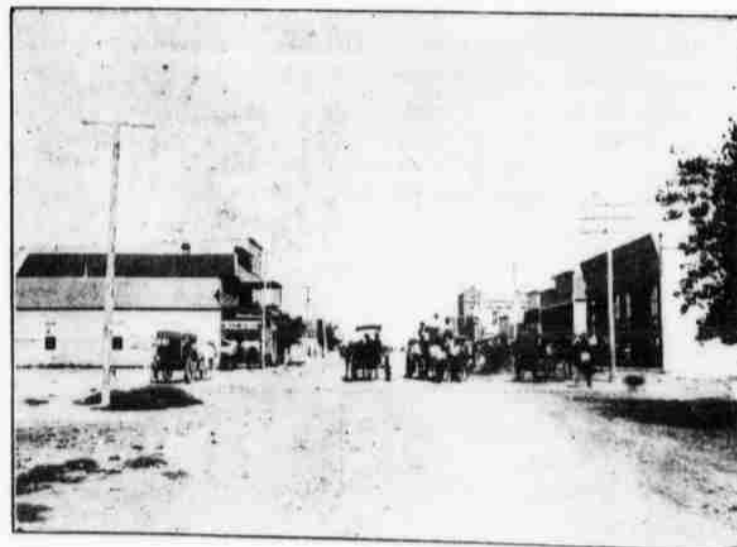
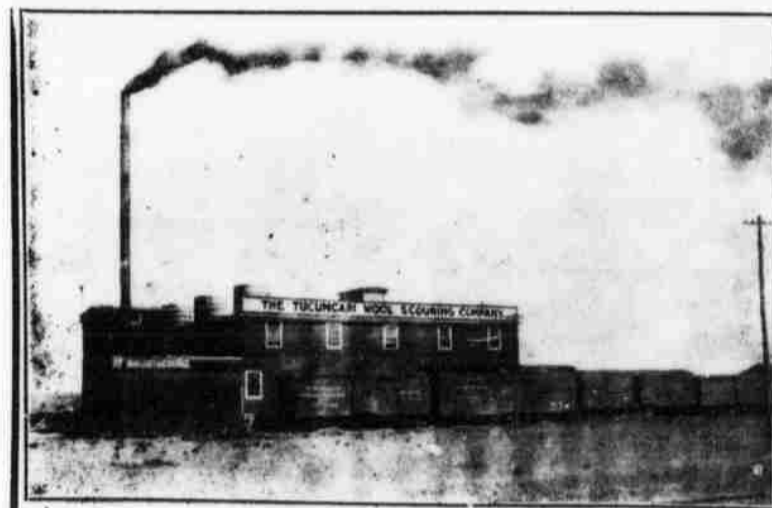
Wash Room, Wool Scouring Mills.



Sorting Room, Wool Scouring Plant.

it is said that the feeders throughout the feeding belt of Kansas, Oklahoma and Iowa are paying from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per head more for their cattle than for any others grown in the Territory of New Mexico.

The Red River Valley Company patronages our Tucumcari merchants for everything it needs, and is a worthy example of keeping money at home.



Goldenberg Corner, Looking East on Main Street, Tucumcari, N. M.